
Bridges

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

Bridges are an integral part of the County's transportation infrastructure. Bridge projects are undertaken to address public safety issues and may also increase capacity of existing County roadway infrastructure.

The Department of Public Works and Transportation (DPWT) evaluates bridge rehabilitation and reconstruction needs in the context of maintaining safety while preserving the character of existing County roadways. Bridge reconstruction and rehabilitation requirements vary from year to year as assessments of bridge conditions change. The biennial bridge inspection program, which DPWT undertakes using the County's Federal aid allocation, identifies bridges for repair, rehabilitation, or reconstruction. Actual construction work is undertaken through a combination of contract services and County work crews. Qualifying bridges receive Federal Aid for construction.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Increase funding to initiate facility planning for five bridge projects.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

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CAPITAL PROGRAM REVIEW

The Recommended FY07-12 CIP includes a Bridge program totaling 14.2 million. This represents a \$1.6 million or 10.2 percent decrease from the \$15.8 million included in the FY05-10 amended program. The recommended program provides funding to initiate facility planning for future new stand-alone bridge projects, cost increases for previously-programmed bridge projects, and ongoing bridge rehabilitation and preservation projects.

In the FY07-12 CIP, general obligation bonds fund \$10.2 million, or 72 percent, of the Bridge program. Federal Aid allocation up to 80 percent of the project construction cost will continue to be assumed for qualifying bridge projects.